

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : A61B 6/00

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 600/431, 476, 478; 424/9 3

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category #	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y ---	US 6,159,445 A (KLAVENESS et al.) 12 December 2000 (12.12.2000), See col. 2 lines 3-15, col. 7 line 66 - col. 8 line 19, col. 8 lines 30-35, col. 15 line 63 - col. 16 line 20, col. 18 line 59 - col. 19 line 13.	1-23
Y ---	US 6,324,418 B1 (CROWLEY et al.) 27 November 2001 (27.11.2001), See fig. 2A, col. 4 lines 28-41 and claim 1.	1, 2, 5-11, 13, 15-21 and 23
Y ---	6,240,312 B1 (ALFANO et al.) 29 May 2001 (29.05.2001), See col. 6 lines 12-34.	3, 4, 12, 14, 22

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